

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 36-43. New claim 36 is drawn to the film of claim 1, wherein the film does not contain a plasticizer. Support for claim 36 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 9, last paragraph. New claim 37 is drawn to the film of claim 1 consisting of low viscosity guar gum, a bulking agent and water. Support for claim 37 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 9, first full paragraph. New claim 38 is drawn to the film of claim 37, wherein the bulking agent is corn syrup. Support for claim 38 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 11, third paragraph. New claim 39 is drawn to soft capsules comprising capsule walls and an encapsulated substance wherein the capsule walls comprise the films in any of claims 36-38. Support for claim 39 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 5, second paragraph.

New claim 40 is drawn to the film of claim 31, wherein the film does not contain a plasticizer. Support for claim 40 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 9, last paragraph. New claim 41 is drawn to the film of claim 40 consisting of low viscosity polymannan gum, a bulking agent and water. Support for claim 41 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 4, last paragraph. New claim 42 is drawn to the film of claim 41, wherein the bulking agent is corn syrup. Support for claim 42 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 11, third paragraph. New claim 43 is drawn to soft capsules comprising capsule walls and an encapsulated substance wherein the capsule walls comprise the films in any of claims 40-42. Support for claim 43 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 5, second paragraph. No new matter has been added.

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An early and favorable Office Action is requested.

A check in the amount of 216.00 for additional claim fees is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, that may associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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